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In re Patent Application of:

K. Aratani, et al.

Application No. 09/429,719

Filed: October 29, 1999

For: THIN FILM FORMATION, USE
SPUTTERING TARGET MATERIAL, THIN
FILM FORMED USING SAME, AND
OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM

) Group Art Unit: 1753

) Examiner: R. McDonald

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated April 26, 2002, finally rejecting claims 17-24. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b), the fee for this Notice of Appeal is \$320.00 and a check in this amount is enclosed. A Petition for a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is enclosed. The fee for the extension is \$920.00 and a check in this amount is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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